THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE & FRIENDS

TOBY & THE STOUT GENTLEMAN

THOMAS IN TROUBLE

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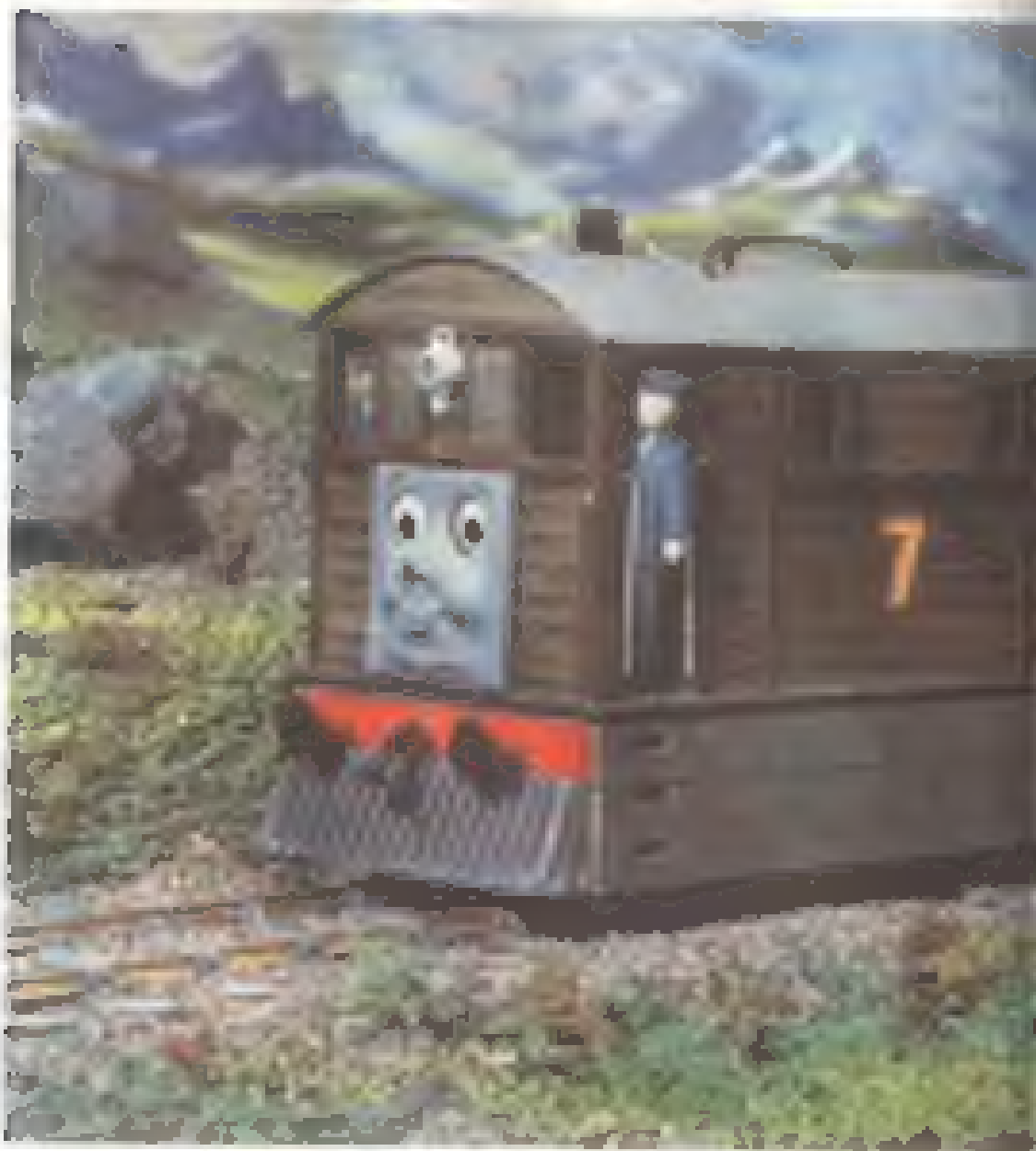
TOBY AND THE STOUT GENTLEMAN

Toby and the stout gentleman

Toby is a tram engine. He is short and sturdy. He has cow-catchers and side-plates and doesn't look like a steam engine at all.

Toby's tramline runs alongside roads and through fields and villages. He takes



trucks from farms and factories to the main line and he always rings his bell cheerfully to everyone he meets.

He has a coach called Henrietta who has seen better days. Toby is attached to Henrietta and always takes her with him.

"She might be useful one day," he says.

Henrietta used to have nine trucks rattling along behind her but now there are only three or four because the factories send their goods mostly by lorry.

The cars, buses and lorries often have accidents. Toby is always careful. He

hasn't had an accident for years. But the buses are crowded and Henrietta is empty.

"I can't understand it!" says Toby, sadly.

People come to see Toby but they always laugh and stare. "Isn't he quaint and old-fashioned!" they say. They make Toby so cross.

One day a lady and a stout gentleman with a little girl and boy stood nearby. The gentleman looked important but nice. He was, of course, the Fat Controller but Toby didn't know this yet.

"Come on, Grandfather!" called the children. "Do look at this engine."

"That's a tram engine, Stephen," said the stout gentleman.

"Is it electric?" asked Bridget.
"Whoosh!" hissed Toby, crossly.

Sh' Sh' said her brother offended him

But trains are electric are asked Bridget

They are mostly gentlemen but this is a steam train

May we go on Grandfather asked the children

The q[illegible] wh[illegible] stue

Stop [illegible] eman He ra[illegible]sed h[illegible] and [illegible] ran[illegible]d into Henrietta

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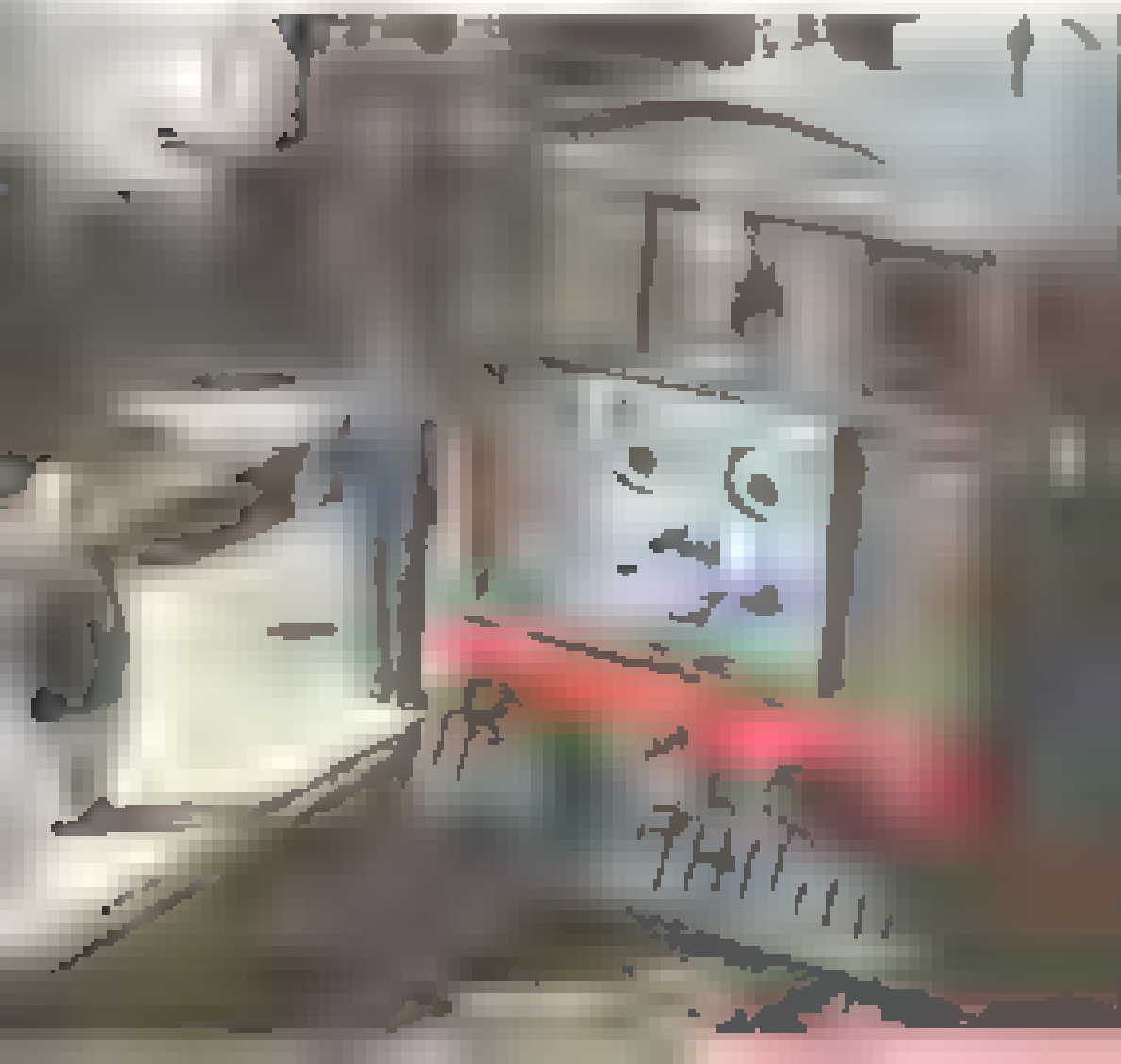
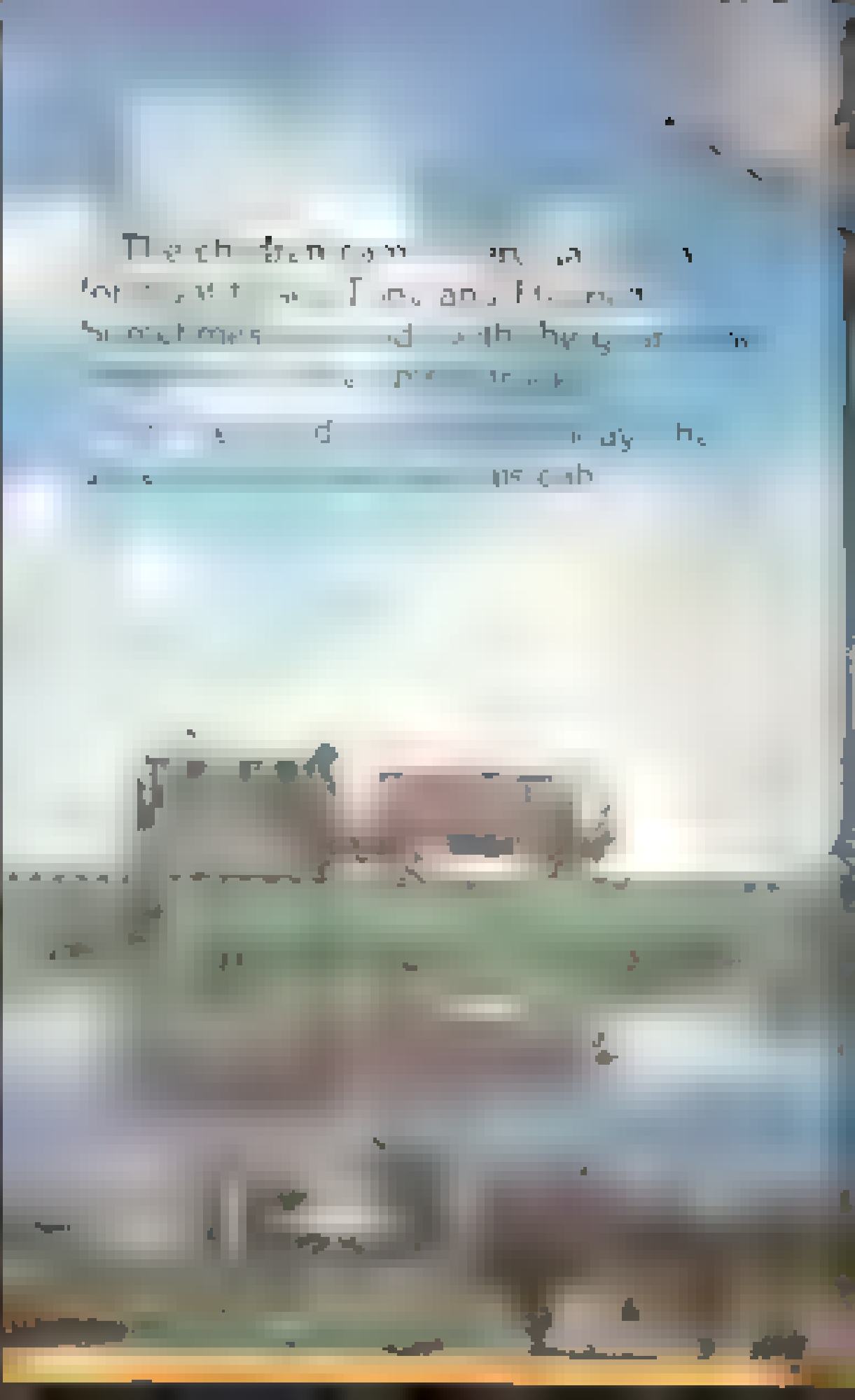
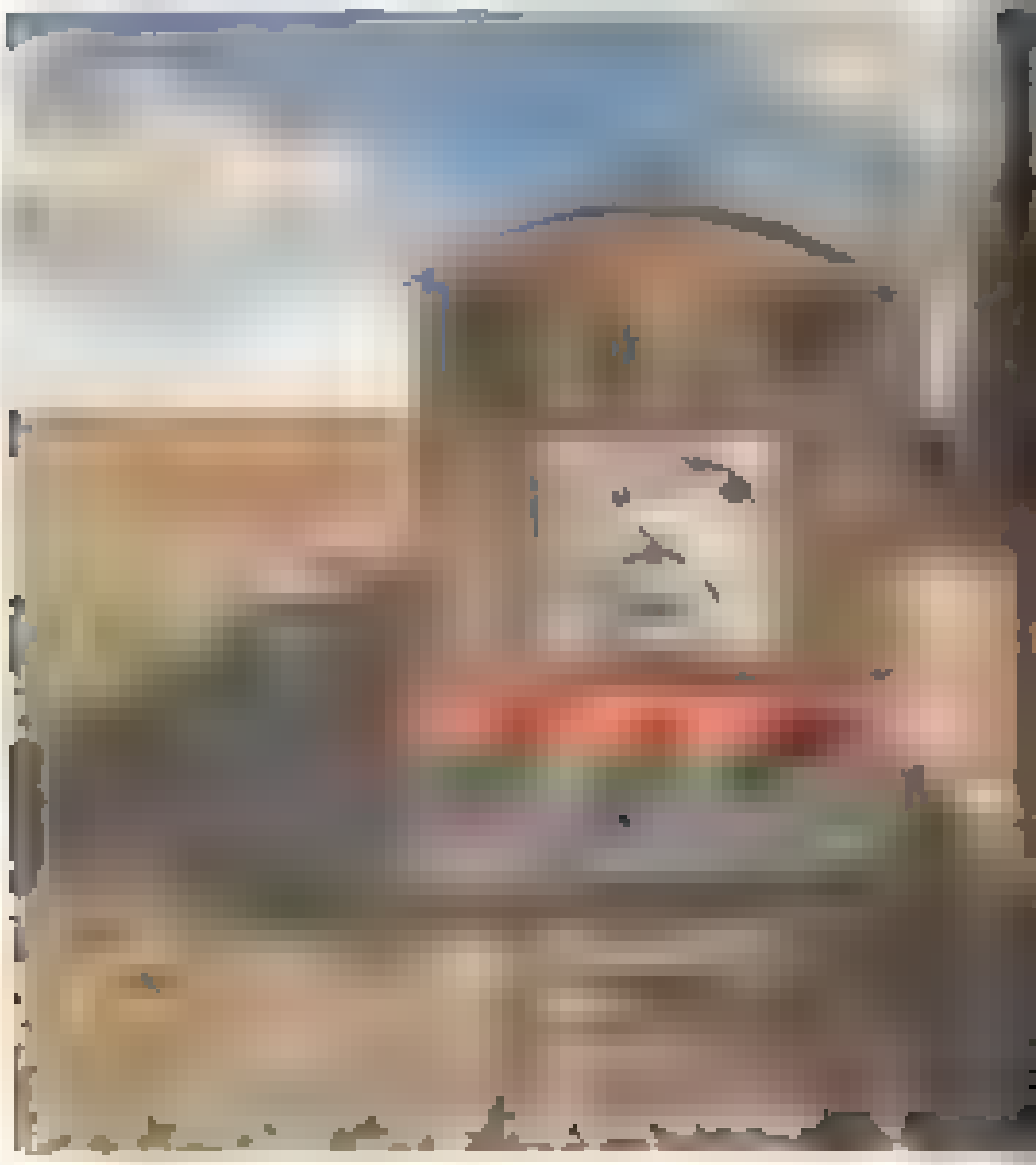
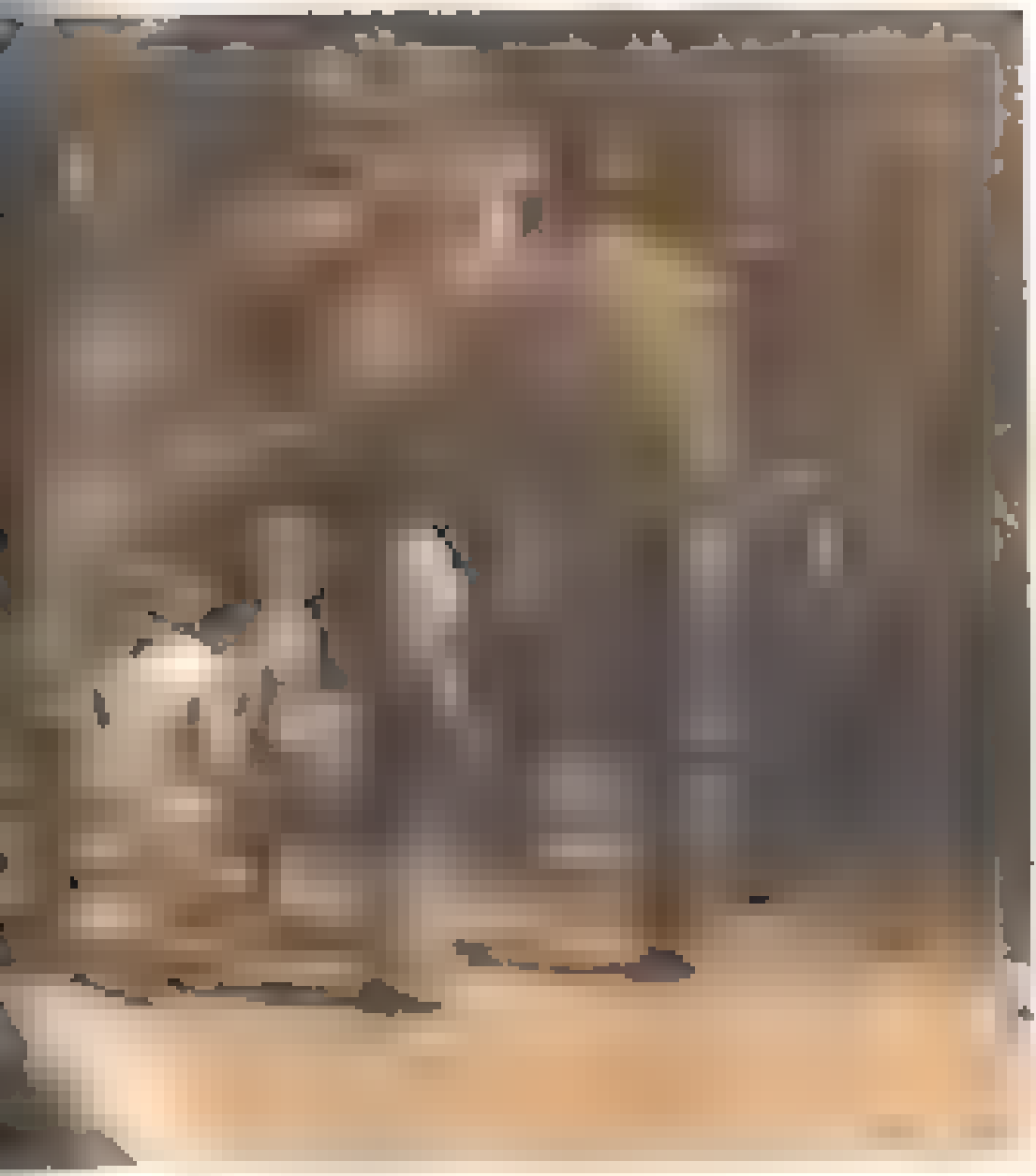






Everyone was very sorry when the
old gentleman and his family had to go
away

Goodbye said Bridget and Stephen
and they thanked Toby and his driver



Peep pip peep whistled [illegible]
Come again soon.

We will we will cried the children and they waved [illegible] They was out of sight.

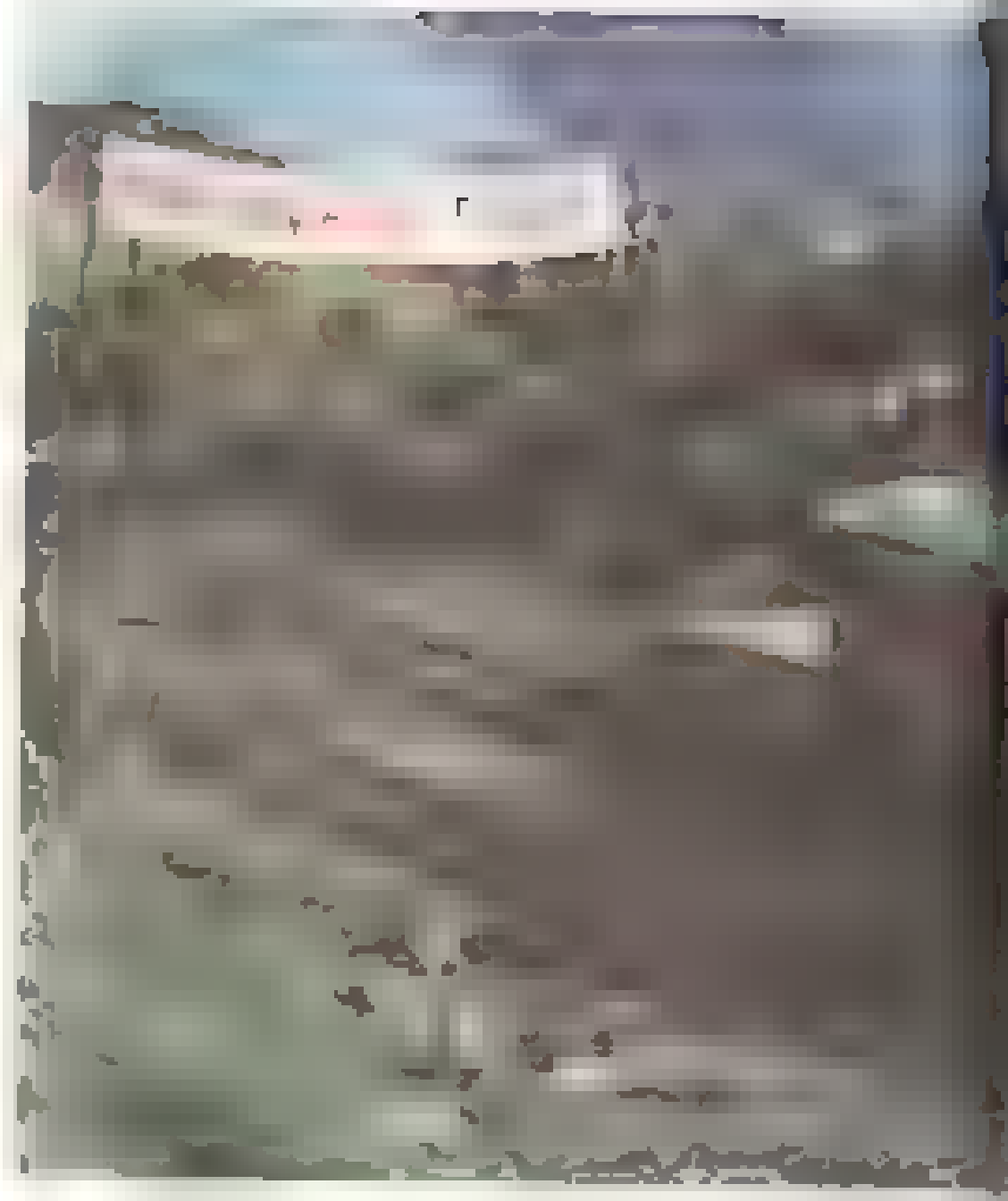
The months passed. Toby had few trucks to pull and even fewer passengers traveled on his tram line.

"This is our last day," Toby's driver said sadly one morning. "The Manager says that we must close the line."

That day everyone wanted a last ride with Tod and Henrietta.

Henrietta had more passengers than she could manage. They rode on the backs and crowded into the wagon. The guard did not have enough room to go round!

As they travelled along the passengers joked and sang



Goodbye Tom said the passengers afterwards We are very sorry the your e s s e e s s i n g down

Dreams said Toby sadly

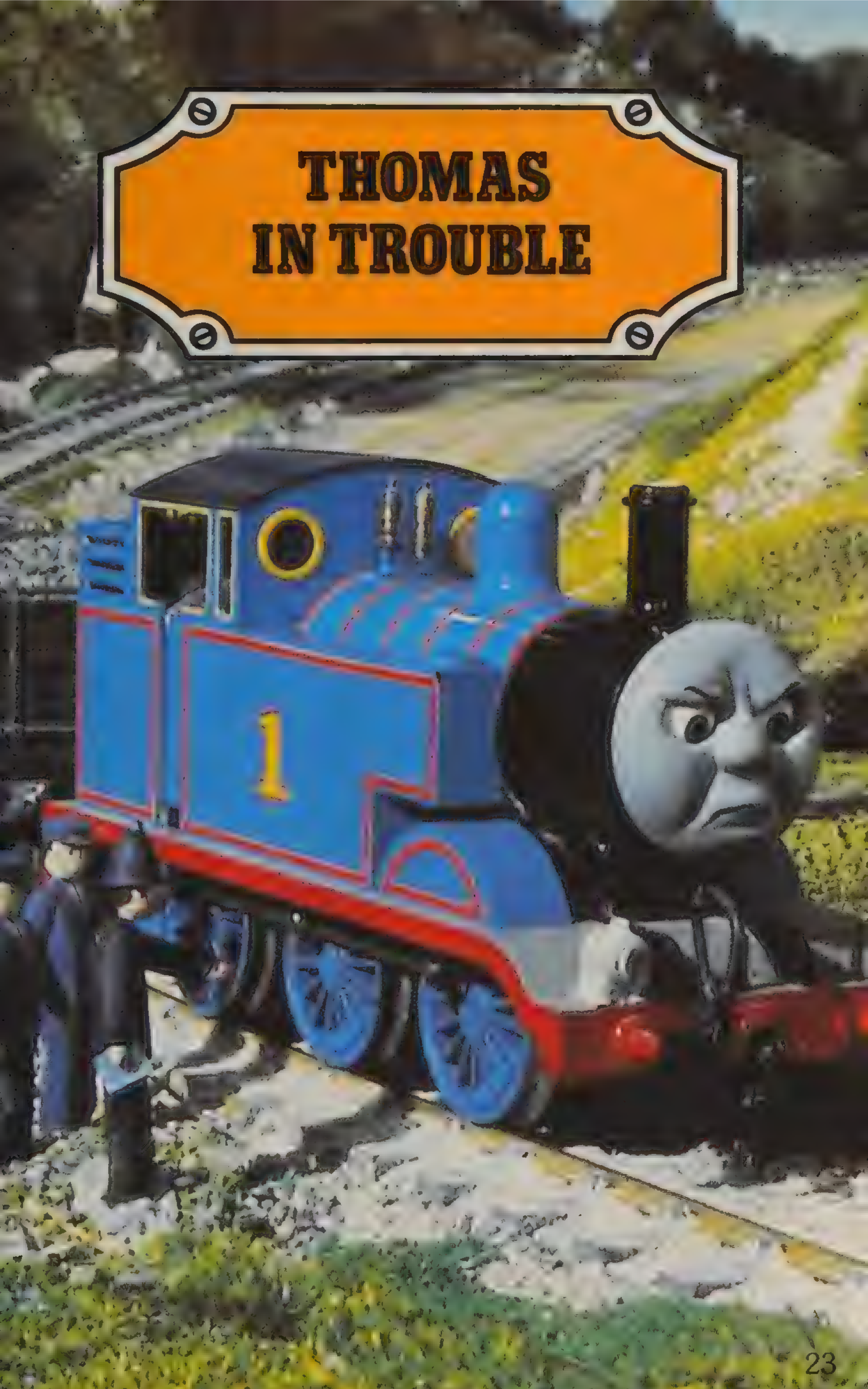
The [illegible] passenger left [illegible]
[illegible] puffed [illegible]
[illegible] Tom thought [illegible]
[illegible]

Next morning the shed doors were flung open and Toby woke with a start. His driver was waving a piece of paper. 'Wake up, Toby!' he shouted. 'Listen to this. It's a letter from the stout gentleman.'

Toby listened and

'But I must not tell you any more or I shall spoil the next story.'

THOMAS IN TROUBLE



Thomas in trouble

There is a line to a quarry at the end of Thomas's branch line. It goes for some distance along by the road.

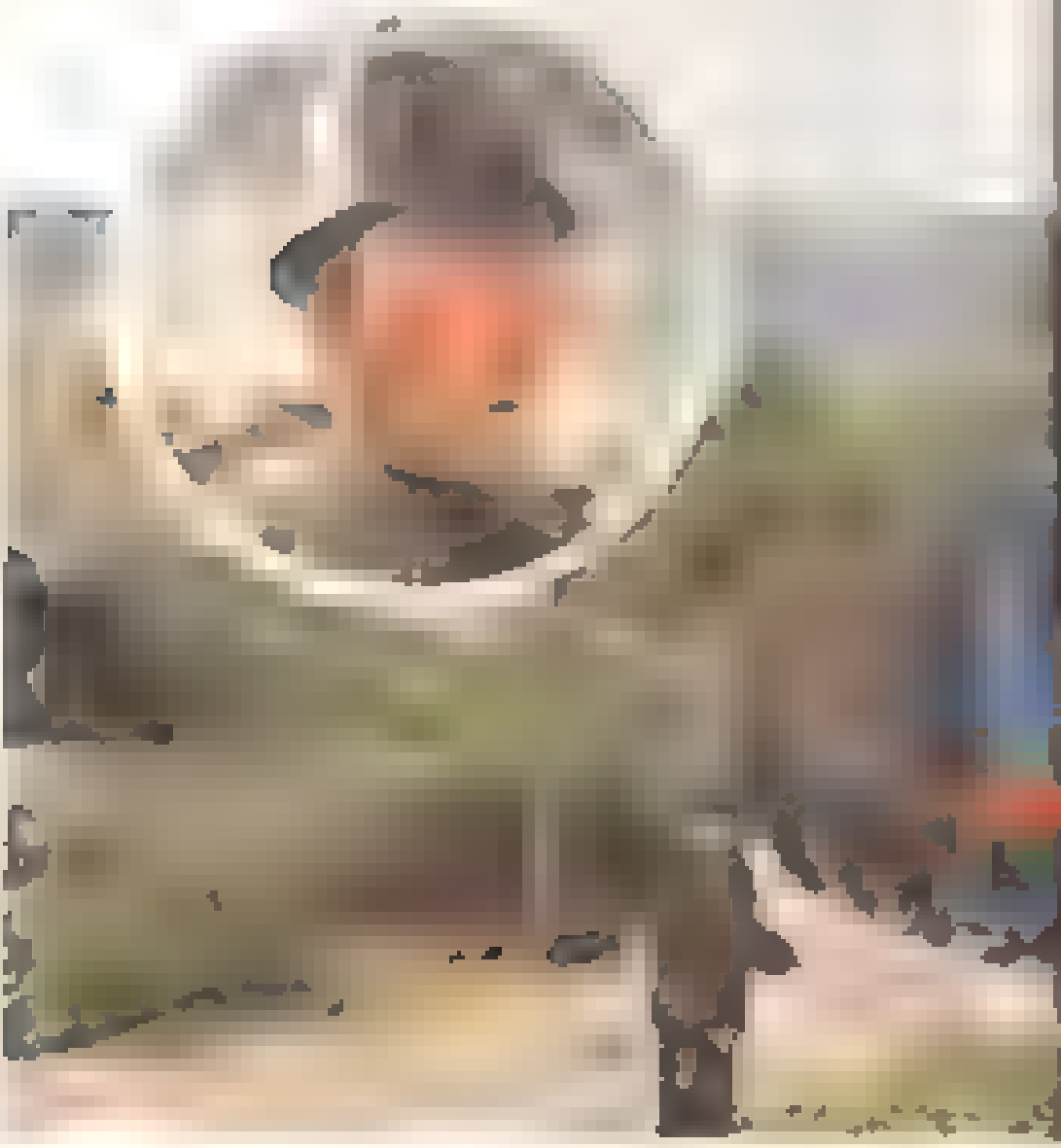
Thomas was always very careful. There in case an engine was coming. Peep peep peep! he whistled. The people stood out of the way and he puffed slowly along with his trucks rumbling behind him.

For one moment there was a
[illegible]eman standing close to the
Thomas liked policemen. He had met a
[illegible]al friend of the [illegible]onstable when
[illegible]e in the village.

Peep peep! Good morning! Thomas whistled.

Thomas expected that this new policeman would be as friendly as the other one. He was sorry to see that the policeman didn't look friendly at all.

The policeman was red in the face and very cross. "Disgraceful!" he spluttered



I didn't sleep a wink last night – it was so quiet."

The policeman looked at Thomas. "And now," he said, "engines coming behind me."

"I'm sorry, sir," said Thomas, "only I also good morning to you."

"Where's your cow catcher?" he asked sharply.

But I don't catch cows sir said Thomas

Don't be funny! snapped the policeman He looked at Thomas's wheels No skid marks either he muttered and he wrote in his notebook

Then he spoke sternly to Th
Engines going on public roads
ave their wheels covered
catcher in front. You
dangerous to the pub

"Rubbish," said Thomas's driver. "We've been driving here hundreds of times and there has never been an accident."

"That makes it worse," said the policeman. And he wrote REGULAR LAW BREAKER in his book.

Thomas's driver climbed back into the cab and Thomas puffed sadly away.

The Fat Controller was having breakfast. He was eating toast and marmalade. His wife had just given him some more coffee.

The butler came in. "Excuse me, sir," he said. "You are wanted on the telephone."

"Bother that telephone!" said the Fat Controller.

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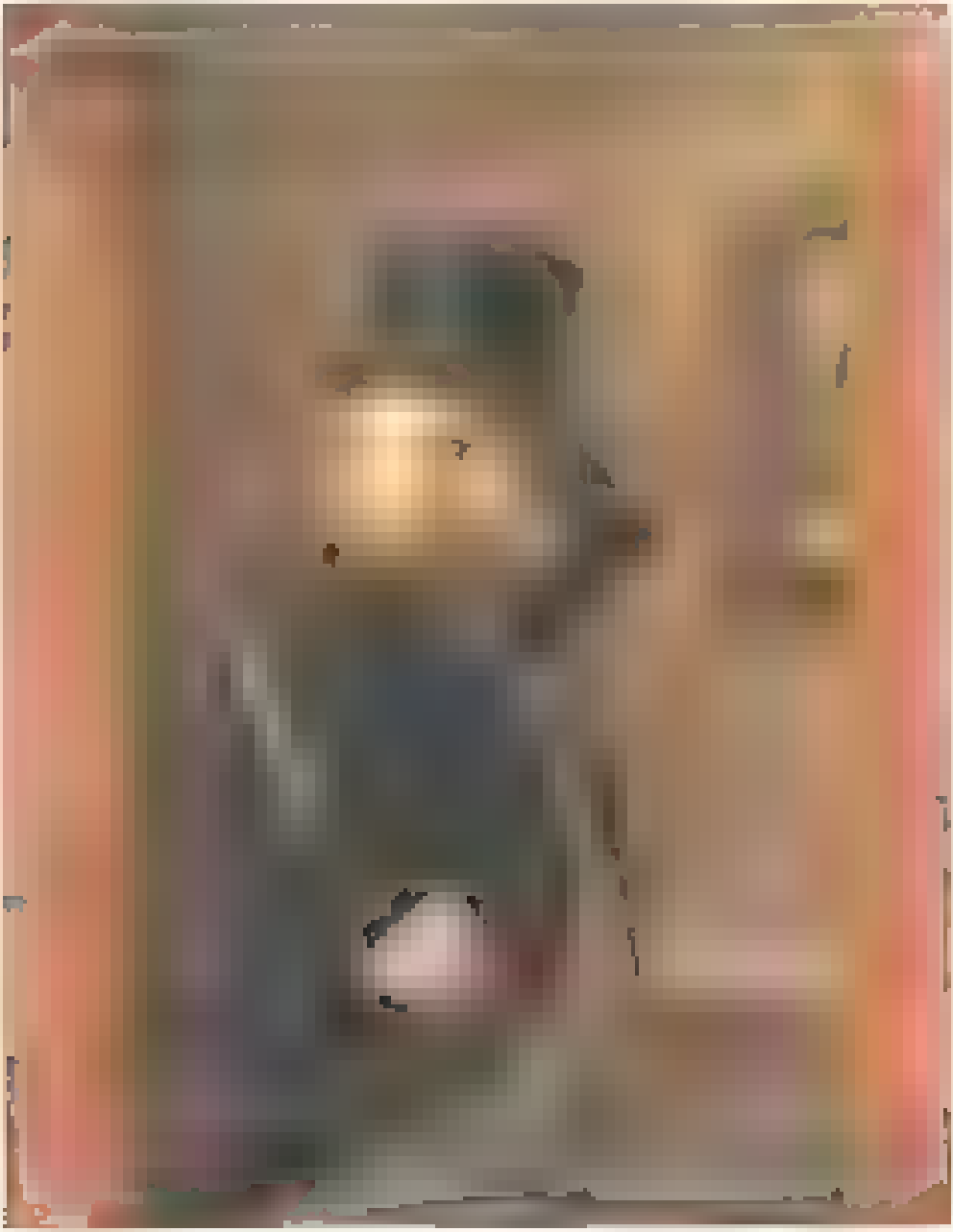
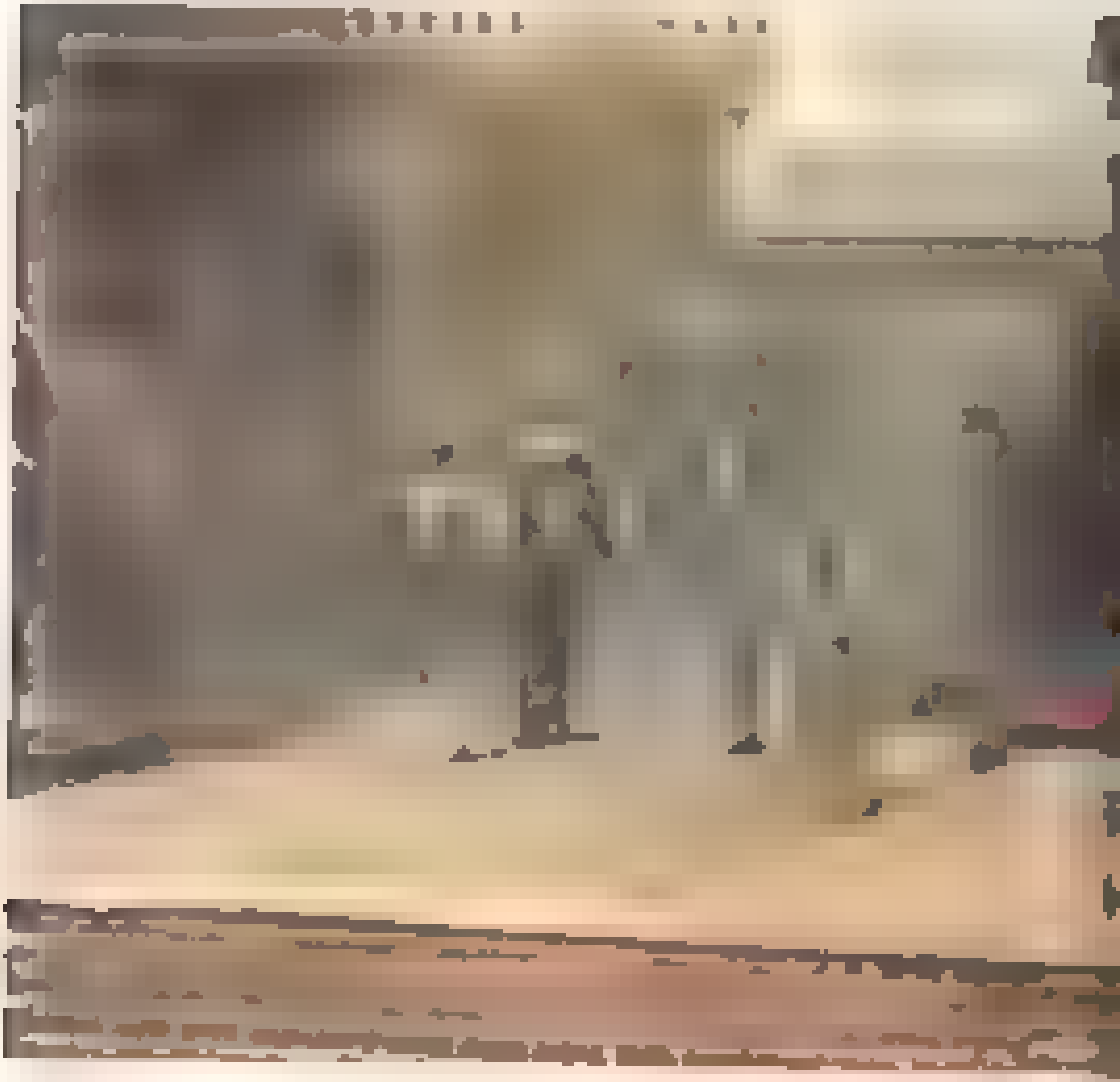
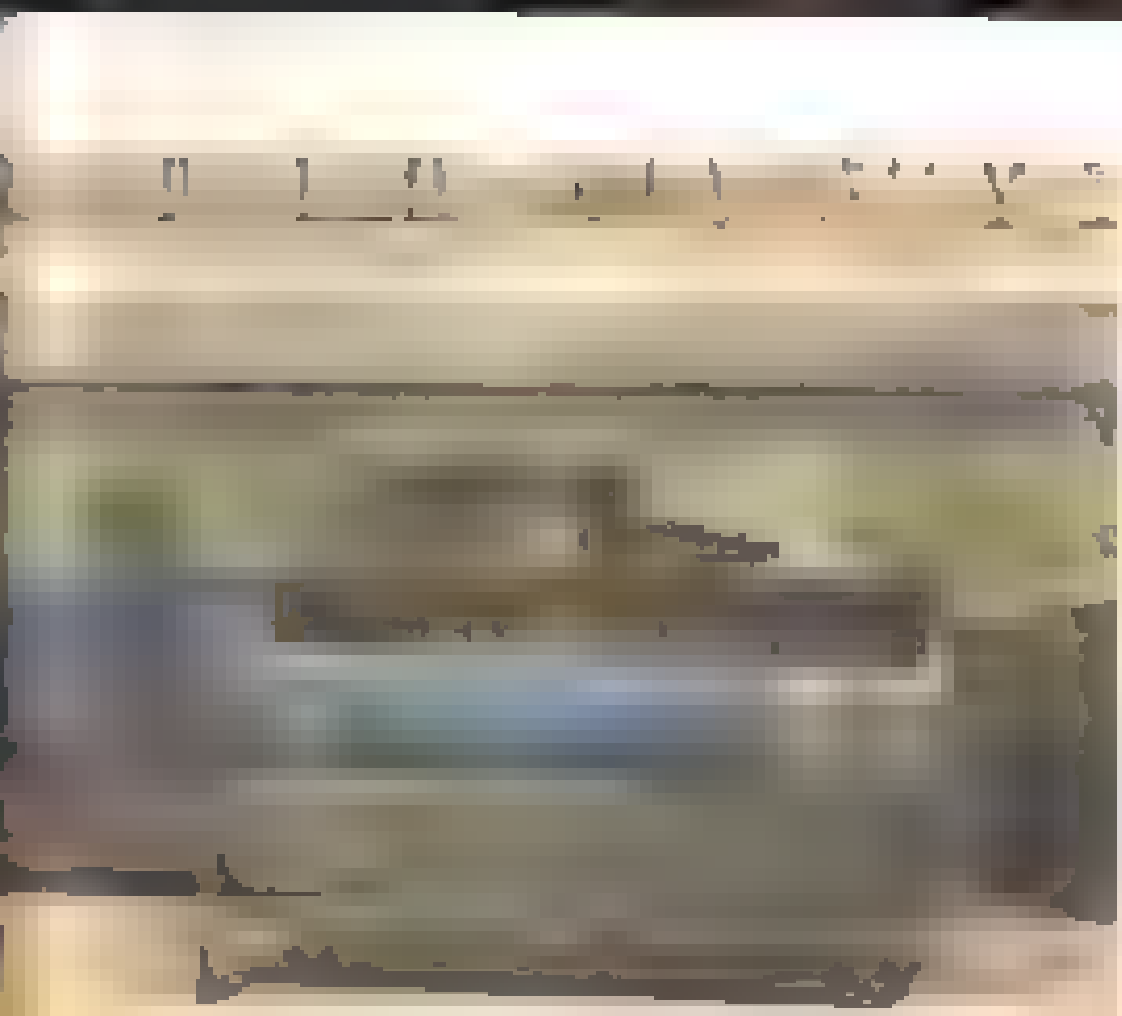




At the station Thomas's driver told the Fat Controller what had happened.

"Dangerous to the public indeed! We'll see about that," said the Fat Controller.

The policeman came on to the platform and the Fat Controller spoke to him at once. But however much the Fat Controller argued with him



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It s no use arguing wi h p
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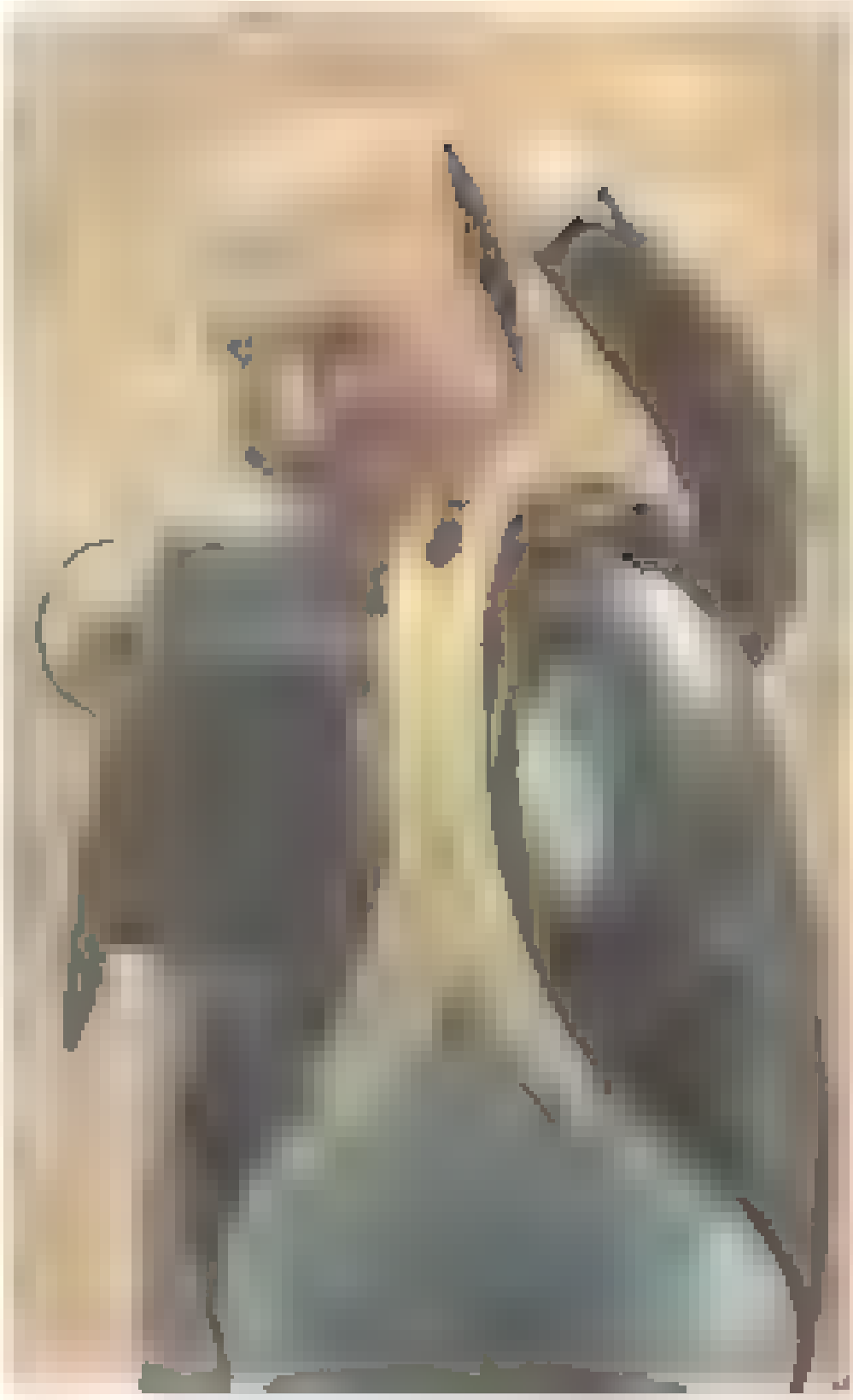

We want a team engine like
When I was a little boy, I
nice little engine called Toby. He
enough work to do and he never
change. I wish I could have
once!"

A few days after Toby and

"That's a good engine," said the Fat Controller. "I see that you have brought Henrietta with you."

"You don't mind, do you, sir?" asked Toby anxiously. "The Station Master

wanted to use her as a hen house, and that would never do."

"No, indeed," said the Fat Controller, gravely. "We couldn't allow that!"

Toby made the trucks behave even better than Thomas did.

At first, Thomas was jealous, but he was so pleased when Toby rang his bell and made the policeman jump that they have been firm friends ever since.

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